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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ANKER JORGENSEN'S FIRST FIVE MONTHS

REF: COPENHAGEN 2155 AND 2156

1. THE REFERENCED TELEGRAMS ARE IN MY OPINION WORTHY OF YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT'S RECORD DURING ITS INITIAL FIVE MONTHS IN OFFICE. WHILE I CONSIDER THE PREVIOUS LIBERAL GOVERNMENT MORE INSTINCTIVELY SYMPATHETIC TO UNITED STATES VIEWS AND INTERESTS, MR. JORGENSEN'S SECOND PERIOD IN OFFICE HAS BEEN REMARKABLE IN COMPARISON WITH HIS EARLIER PERFORMANCE (OCTOBER 1972-DECEMBER 1973). HIS GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN US IMPORTANT SUPPORT WITH REGARDS TO ENERGY POLICY, NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS (INCLUDING THE F-16 BUY) AND, MOST RECENTLY, ISRAEL'S RIGHTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS. ON ONLY ONE OCCASION DID JORGENSEN RESORT TO HIS TENDENCY TO SPEAK HIS MIND TOO FREELY. WHEN I PROTESTED OVER HIS COMMENTS AT THAT TIME, HIS MANNER INDICATED - AS WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES - THAT IT WAS AN UNINTENDED SLIP.

2. MY OWN RELATIONS WITH THIS GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT SHARE THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS, HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY GOOD, PARTICULARLY WITH JORGENSE, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AND

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DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER. TEHRE WILL CERTAINLY

REMAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, BUT I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THE COOPERATION WE HAVE RECIEVED IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS MATTERS WILL CONTINUE.
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